

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON TAXATION

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN KARL WAITSCHIES**, on April 14, 2005 at 1:30 P.M., in Room 152 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Karl Waitschies, Chairman (R)
Rep. Gary Branae, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Bob Lake, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. John Balyeat (R)
Rep. Norma Bixby (D)
Rep. Edward B. Butcher (R)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Jill Cohenour (D)
Rep. Tom Facey (D)
Rep. Wanda Grinde (D)
Rep. George G. Groesbeck (D)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Carol Lambert (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Holly Raser (D)
Rep. John (Jack) W. Ross (R)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Bill Warden (R)
Rep. Brady Wiseman (D)

Members Excused: None.

Members Absent: Rep. Jim Peterson (R)

Staff Present: Jeff Martin, Legislative Branch
Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted:

Executive Action: SB 271; SB 516; SB 276; SB 213
SB 345; SB 521; SB 513

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 271

00:00:14 **Motion:** REP. LAKE moved that SB 271 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:00:19 REP. FACEY

00:00:45 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-5 by roll call vote with REPS. BALYEAT, BUTCHER, HIMMELBERGER, ROSS, and SALES voting no and REP. PETERSON voting by proxy. REP. LAKE will carry SB 271.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 516

00:02:08 **Motion:** REP. LAKE moved that SB 516 BE CONCURRED IN.

00:02:20 **Motion:** REP. LAKE moved that SB 516 BE AMENDED.
[EXHIBIT](#) (tah80b01)

Discussion:

00:04:00 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division

00:05:55 REP. MCALPIN

00:07:35 REP. COHENOUR

00:08:25 REP. BALYEAT

00:08:50 REP. COHENOUR

00:09:20 REP. BALYEAT

00:10:00 REP. SALES

00:10:34 REP. LAMBERT

00:10:56 REP. PETERSON arrived at Committee Meeting.

00:11:04 **Vote:** Motion carried 18-2 by roll call vote with REPS. BIXBY and MCALPIN voting no.

00:11:54 **Motion:** REP. LAKE moved that SB 516 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:12:09 REP. MCALPIN
 00:12:29 REP. LAKE
 00:13:05 REP. ROSS
 00:13:30 REP. GROESBECK
 00:15:40 REP. BRANAE
 00:16:02 REP. WISEMAN

00:16:24 Vote: Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with REPS. BIXBY, BRANAE, CAMPBELL, COHENOUR, GROESBECK, MCALPIN, RASER, and WISEMAN voting no. REP. PETERSON will carry SB 516.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 276

00:18:00 Motion: REP. LAMBERT moved that SB 276 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

00:18:23 REP. LAMBERT
 00:19:11 REP. LAKE

00:19:38 Vote: Motion carried 14-6 by roll call vote with REPS. BIXBY, BRANAE, COHENOUR, GRINDE, MCALPIN, and RASER voting no. REP. LAMBERT will carry SB 276.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 213

00:21:12 Motion: REP. LAMBERT moved that SB 213 BE CONCURRED IN.

00:21:19 Motion: REP. LAMBERT moved that SB 213 BE AMENDED.

EXHIBIT (tah80b02)

Discussion:

00:21:34 REP. COHENOUR
 00:21:43 Jeff Martin, Legislative Services Division
 00:23:28 REP. CAMPBELL

00:23:40 Vote: Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

00:23:54 Motion/Vote: REP. LAMBERT moved that SB 213 BE CONCURRED IN AS AMENDED. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. REP. FACEY will carry SB 213.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 345

00:25:37 Motion: REP. FACEY moved that SB 345 BE
RECONSIDERED.

Discussion:

00:26:19 REP. SALES

00:26:59 REP. COHENOUR

00:27:48 Vote: Motion carried 12-8 by roll call vote with
REPS. BALYEAT, BUTCHER, HIMMELBERGER, LAKE,
LAMBERT, ROSS, SALES, and WAITSCHIES voting no.

00:28:53 Motion: REP. FACEY moved that SB 345 BE CONCURRED
IN.

00:29:32 Motion: REP. FACEY moved that SB 345 BE AMENDED.
[EXHIBIT](#) (tah80b03)

Discussion:

00:31:00 REP. FACEY

00:31:52 REP. SALES

00:33:17 Vote: Motion carried 18-2 by voice vote with
REPS. BALYEAT and SALES voting no.

00:33:42 Motion: REP. FACEY moved that SB 345 BE CONCURRED
IN AS AMENDED.

Discussion:

00:33:55 REP. COHENOUR

00:34:29 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES

00:34:49 Vote: Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote with
REPS. BALYEAT, BUTCHER, HIMMELBERGER, LAKE,
LAMBERT, ROSS, SALES, WAITSCHIES, and WARDEN
voting no. REP. FACEY will carry SB 345.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 521

00:36:14 Motion/Vote: REP. MCALPIN moved that SB 521 BE
TABLED. Motion carried 16-4 by roll call vote with
REPS. CAMPBELL, COHENOUR, FACEY, and GRINDE voting
no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 513

00:37:22 Motion/Vote: REP. FACEY moved that SB 513 BE
TABLED. Motion carried 13-7 by roll call vote with
REPS. BIXBY, BRANAE, CAMPBELL, COHENOUR, GRINDE,
MCALPIN, and RASER voting no.

Discussion:
00:38:45 REP. BRANAE
00:40:16 REP. BALYEAT
00:41:17 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES
00:41:26 REP. BALYEAT

00:41:59 Motion: REP. BRANAE moved that the House Taxation
Committee ISSUE A WRITTEN REQUEST TO EXPRESS
AGREEMENT AND ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE IDEAS BROUGHT
FORTH IN SB 513.

Discussion:
00:42:14 REP. RASER
00:43:04 REP. LAKE
00:44:47 REP. COHENOUR

00:46:52 Motion: REP. COHENOUR moved to AMEND WRITTEN
STATEMENT TO INCLUDE THE INTERIM REVENUE AND
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

00:47:06 REP. HIMMELBERGER
00:48:08 CHAIRMAN WAITSCHIES
00:48:31 REP. BRANAE

00:49:41 Substitute Motion/Vote: REP. BRANAE made
Substitute Motion to DEVELOP LETTER TO THE INTERIM
REVENUE AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE ON THE ISSUES
OF SB 513 (OF THE 59TH LEGISLATIVE SESSION)
SUGGESTING THAT THE HOUSE TAXATION COMMITTEE
ENCOURAGES THE DISCUSSION OF THE ISSUES ADDRESSED
IN SB 513. Motion carried 11-9 by roll call vote
with REPS. LAKE, BALYEAT, BUTCHER, HIMMELBERGER,
LAMBERT, PETERSON, ROSS, SALES and WAITSCHIES
voting no.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 2:45 P.M.

REP. KARL WAITSCHIES, Chairman

DEBRA POLHEMUS, Secretary

KW/dp

Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([tah80bad0.PDF](#))